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Proceedings.

SENATE.

Wednesday, March 17th, 1824.—Seventy-fourth day.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting the official emoluments and expenditures of certain Officers of the customs, and an abstract of the fees received on certificates to accompany distilled spirits, wines, and teas, commissions on disbursements as superintendents of Light-Houses, and as agents for the Marine Hospital; the report was read.

Mr. BENTON presented the petition of David Martin, and the petition of Elkanah English, severally praying a pension; the petitions were read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. HAYNE presented the preamble and resolutions adopted at a meeting of the citizens of Sumter District, in South-Carolina, remonstrating against the passage of the bill now before Congress, to increase the duties on imports; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thaddeus Mayhew, reported a bill for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. NOBLE, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Comfort Smith, reported a bill for the relief of Noah Smith, of Maine; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Finance on the petition of Andrew Low and others, and on motion, by Mr. SMITH, ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto—Mr. SMITH in the chair; and the bill having been amended, it was reported to the House.

On motion, Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next, and that it be printed as amended for the use of the Senate.

The bill releasing to John M'Allister, or the legal representatives of John Forbes, a certain tract of land; on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Samuel White, and no amendments having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land in the St. Helena and Jackson Court House land districts, together with the amendment reported thereto, by the Committee on Public Lands; on motion, postponed to, and made the order of the day for, tomorrow.

The bill for the relief of Napier Rapelye and Bennett, and Petray and Viel; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution proposing an additional rule for conducting business in the Senate; ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to provide for the security of Public Money in the hands of Clerks of Courts, Attorneys, and Marshals, and their deputies, together with the amendment reported thereto, by the Committee on the Judiciary, and the amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the House. Adjourned.

Thursday, March 18, 1824.—Seventy-fifth day.

Mr. KNIGHT reported from the Committee, that they yesterday laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined and signed, and that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act

to authorize the employment of certain assistants in the General Land Office," and the bill, entitled "An act to change the terms of the District Court of the United States, for the Kentucky District."

Mr. BENTON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to enable the President to carry into effect the treaty made at Ghent, the 24th December, 1814, excluding foreigners from trade and intercourse with Indian tribes within the United States, and to preserve the fur trade within the limits of the said United States. He also communicated sundry documents in relation thereto; the bill was read, and ordered to a second reading, and the documents ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the petition of Thomas Evans and John Coppack, and the memorial of William F. Chesley and others, made a report accompanied by the resolution, that the prayer of the petitioners and memorialists ought not to be granted.

Mr. M'ILVAINE, from the Select Committee on Roads and Canals to whom was referred the memorial of J. L. Skinner, made a report accompanied by a bill for the relief of Ichabod Lord Skinner. The report and bill were read; the bill ordered to a second reading, and the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. M'ILVAINE presented the memorial of Clayton Lamb and others, of Anthony S. Earl and others, of Burlington county, New-Jersey, of Paul Burd and others, severally praying that additional duties may be imposed on imported iron, and on the manufactures thereof. He also presented the memorial of Joseph Sykes and others, farmers of New-Jersey, praying that the duties on imports may be increased.

The memorials were read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill "for the relief of Samuel White," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Napier Rapelye and Bennett, and Petray and Viel," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, were read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill for the relief of Charles Gwinn, of Baltimore; the bill to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Benjamin Lincoln and others; the bill for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew; the bill further to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the bill for the relief of Noah Smith, of Maine, were severally read the second time.

On motion by Mr. NOBLE, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the last mentioned bill, and the same having been amended, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments being concurred in, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys and marshals, and their deputies, as amended in Committee of the whole, Mr. BABCOCK in the chair, and the amendment being concurred in, passed, to be engrossed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to lands in the St. Helena and Jackson Court House land districts, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. HAYNE, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the election of the President and Vice-President of the United States, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Select Committee; and, on motion by Mr. MILLS, that the said resolution be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. BRANCH, it was agreed to take that question by yeas and nays. Adjourned.

Friday, March 19th, 1824.—Seventy-sixth day.

Mr. LOWRIE presented the memorial of W. Rawle, President of the Pennsylvania Society, for promoting the abolition of slavery, praying that provision may be made by law, for the total abolition of slavery within the District of Columbia; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. LOWRIE presented the memorial of *William Tilghman*, President of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society, for the encouragement of American manufactures, requesting that such a system may be digested as will secure to manufacturers a portion of that protection which has been extended to commerce and tobacco planting. He also presented the memorial of *Tobias Huber and others*, of the city and county of Philadelphia, praying an increase of the duties on imports; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. WARE presented the preamble and resolutions adopted at a meeting of the citizens of Burke county, Georgia, remonstrating against the passage of the bill pending in Congress, to increase the duties on imports; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill to provide for the security of public money in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys, and marshals, and their deputies, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and passed by the title of "An act to provide for the security of public moneys in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys, and marshals, and their deputies," and the Secretary ordered to request the concurrence of the House in the said bill.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Smith, of Maine," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time and PASSED.

The bill to enable the President to carry into effect the treaty made at Ghent, the 24th December, 1814, excluding foreigners from trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes within the United States, and to preserve the fur trade within the said United States to American citizens; and the bill for the relief of Ichabod Lord Skinner, were severally read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, on the petition of Thomas Evans and Thomas Coppuck, and the memorial of William F. Chesley and others; and, ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the election of the President and Vice-President of the United States, together with the motion for the indefinite postponement thereof—Mr. LANMAN in the chair; and, after debate, *Adjourned*.

Monday, March 22d, 1824—Seventy-seventh day.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Ken. gave notice, that to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a joint resolution authorizing the President to procure an Equestrian Portrait of Washington.

Mr. BENTON submitted the following motion for consideration: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of extinguishing the Indian title to certain districts of country on the south side of Lake Superior, supposed to contain valuable mines of copper.

Mr. LOWRIE presented the preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, instructing their Senators, and requesting their representatives in Congress, to use their utmost influence to prevent the passage of the bill, now before Congress, imposing a prohibitory duty on sales at auction; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. H. JOHNSON presented the memorial and petition of *A. Moore and others*, inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that that part of the District of Columbia, included within the limits of said county, may be ceded to the state of Virginia; read, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as it respects the choice of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the election of the President and Vice-President of the United States, together with the motion to postpone the same indefinitely; and, on the question "Shall this resolution be indefinitely postponed?" It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 30, nays 13.

YEAS, 30—Messrs. Barbour, Barton, Bell, Brown, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Eaton, Edwards, of Conn. Findlay, Hayne, Holmes, of Miss. J. S. Johnston, Johnson, of Ken. Henry Johnson, Kelly, King, of Alab. King, of N. Y. Knight, Lanman, Lloyd, of Mass. Mills, Palmer, Parrott, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Taylor, of Va. Van Dyke, Williams.

NAYS, 13—Messrs. Benton, Branch, Dickerson, Elliott, Holmes, of Maine, Lowrie, Macon, Noble, Ruggles, Smith, Thomas, Van Buren, Ware.

Resolved, That the said resolution be indefinitely postponed. After the consideration of Executive business, *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 1824—Seventy-eighth day.

Mr. JOHNSON, from Ken. from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of William Duane, made a report accompanied by a bill for the relief of Colonel William Duane; which was read, and ordered that the bill pass to a second reading, and the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. HENRY JOHNSON submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the Swamp Lands, in the state of Louisiana, belonging to the inhabitants of the parishes of Atakapas, Opelousas, and Avayelles, to be surveyed and separated from the public domain and from private claims.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. LOWRIE asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a bill extending the benefit of copy rights to the authors of paintings or drawings; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. JOHNSON, of Ken. asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to procure an Equestrian Portrait of Washington; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. BROWN presented the resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, expressing as their opinion, that further and more effectual measures should be adopted by Congress, for the promotion and protection of American manufactures; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. BROWN presented the resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law authorizing them to select and locate certain portions of the public lands within that state, for the use of schools, in conformity to the compact between that state and the United States; read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. BROWN presented the resolutions of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, recommending to Congress the consideration of a system providing for the gradual emancipation of persons of colour, held in servitude in the United States; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act, giving the consent and sanction of Congress to a certain act of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Indian Affairs to enquire into the expediency of extinguishing the Indian titles to certain lands supposed to contain certain mines of copper; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments agreed to as in Committee of the whole, and Mr. VAN DYKE proposed a further amendment thereto, which was read.

Ordered, That the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow, and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. BENTON, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans and estimates upon the subject of roads and canals, and Mr. BENTON proposed an amendment thereto; read, and on motion, *Ordered*, That the bill be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next, and that the proposed amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Noble, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Sarah Chitwood; and, on motion, *Ordered*, That it be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of the heirs of Don Harpin de la Gautraie—Mr. BARBOUR in the chair, and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate; and, on the question "Shall this bill be engrossed, and read a third time?" It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. HENRY JOHNSON, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land in the St. Helena and Jackson Court House Land Districts, and on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Capt. Thomas Staniford; and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to Senate, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to alter the terms of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Illinois," and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill supplementary to "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. HOLMES, of Maine, presented the petition of Isaac Russell, praying a pension; read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the whole, to consider the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress, for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes;" ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the whole, to consider the bill to provide for the settlement of certain pecuniary claims against the United States; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill in addition to the act relative to the election of a President and Vice-President of the United States; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

The bill declaring the consent of Congress to the revocation of certain parts of the ordinances therein mentioned; ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for enclosing the burial ground of Christ Church Parish; ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. BENTON, the bill releasing to John M. Allister, or the legal representatives of John Forbes, a certain tract of land, and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the Senate, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill further to amend the Judicial system of the United States, and providing for the holding of Circuit Courts; ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. BENTON, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred on the 17th December last, the memorial of the General Assembly of the territory of Arkansas, made a report accompanied by a bill to fix the western boundary line of the territory of Arkansas; read, and ordered that the bill pass to a second reading, and the report to be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business. *Adjourned.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, March 17, 1824.—Seventy-ninth day.

Mr. McLANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Josiah Savage and others; laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Garrett Putnam, and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom the subject was referred, by resolution on the 13th ultimo, reported a bill supplementary to an act, providing for the examination of titles and claims to land in that part of the state of Louisiana, situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabina river; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to whom the subject was referred by resolution on the 6th January last, reported a bill granting to the counties of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of lands for seats of justice within the same; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill granting to the territory of Arkansas the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to whom the subject was referred, by resolution on the 2d of February, ultimo, reported a bill changing the mode of surveying the public lands on any river, lake, bayou or water course in the state of Mississippi, and territory of Arkansas; read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the 25th of February, ultimo, instructing them to inquire into the propriety of making roads, levees, &c. on public lands in the state of Louisiana. Also, from the memorial of the General Assembly of Indiana, asking that relief may be given to purchasers of public lands of a certain description, referred on the 23d of February, ultimo; also, from the cases of William Conner and E. J. West, and that they be laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of William Scott, Gideon Long, John Roberts, and Matthew Humer, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. WHITTELEY, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of John Miller; laid on the table.

Mr. HARVEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavourable report on the case of Sarah Drew; which was laid on the table.

Mr. SHARPE, by leave of the House, presented a petition and representation of the booksellers, bookbinders, printers and paper dealers residing in the City of New-York, praying Congress to impose such an increased rate of duty on the importation of such books as are usually republished in this country, as will protect the American publisher from uncertainty and loss in his enterprises.

Mr. CARTER, by leave of the House, presented a remonstrance of the citizens of Sumpter district, in the state of South-Carolina, against the passage of the bill pending in this House, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance be committed to a Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, to which the said bill is committed.

Ordered, That two thousand additional copies be printed of the statements of the commerce and navigation of the United States, communicated to this House on the 12th of February, ultimo.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. BUCK, on the 15th instant, [see fol. 299:] which was modified by the mover to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to report to this House, whether any law exists in contravention of the provisions of the convention of the 3d July, 1815, made between this country and Great Britain; also, to enquire into the expediency of countervailing by law, any duties or port charges on American commerce or tonnage which Great Britain may lay thereon in her colonies or elsewhere.

The question was taken to agree to the resolution thus modified, and passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Luther Chapin, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. from the Joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield land districts, in the state of Illinois."

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the customs for the year 1823, prepared in obedience to an act of 2d March, 1799, as also a statement of the fees received in the case of certificates to accompany distilled spirits, wines, and teas; commissions on disbursements as superintendants of light houses, and as agents for the marine hospital; rendered conformably to the act of the 7th of May, 1822.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Litchfield to Hallowell, in the state of Maine.

On motion of Mr. WHITE, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Pierpont, a soldier of the revolution, upon the pension list.

On motion of Mr. HAMILTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the act passed for the relief of John B. Hogan, at the last session.

On motion of Mr. McLEAN, of Ohio, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lebanon, in the county of Warren, in the state of Ohio, by way of Franklin, Germantown, Winchester and Eaton, in the county of Preble, to Connersville, in the county of Fayette, in the state of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. MERCER, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Suppression of the African Slave Trade, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the existing laws of the United States for the suppression of that traffic, so as to extend the penalties thereof to cases of expeditions fitted out in foreign ports or places for that traffic, by or on account of citizens or persons residing within the jurisdiction of the United States.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office;" was read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Elections, to which was referred the remonstrance of sundry citizens of the District of Norfolk, in the state of Massachusetts, against the right of John Bailey to a seat in this House, as the representative of said district; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. COBB reported the resolution recommended in the said report without amendment, and asked leave for the Committee of the whole to sit again on the other report to them committed. Ordered, that the Committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the report remaining undischarged of.

The resolution recommended in the report of the Committee of Elections, is as follows: *Resolved*, That John Bailey is not entitled to a seat in this House.

The question was stated, "Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

Adjourned.

Thursday, March 18th, 1824.—Eightieth day.

Mr. McCox, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of J. M. C. Montgomery, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. from the Joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills, entitled "An act to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office," and "An act to change the terms of the District Court of the United States, for the Kentucky District," and found the same to be truly enrolled, when the Speaker signed the said bills. Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. OWEN, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law to secure all persons who have planted on Public Lands, the privilege of gathering

their crops where the lands shall be sold by the government while such crops are standing.

The House resumed the consideration of the case of the contested election of John Bailey, returned as a member of this House for the district of Norfolk, in the state of Massachusetts; and the question recurred, "Will the House agree to the resolution recommended in the report of the Committee of Elections, viz: *Resolved*, That John Bailey is not entitled to a seat in this House."

Mr. COOK, moved that the said report be recommitted to the Committee of Elections; which motion was disagreed to by the House. Mr. M'DUFFIE, then moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows "That it is the opinion of this House, that John Bailey came to the city of Washington, in the year 1817, with the intention of returning to the state of Massachusetts; and that the said intention has been continued to the time of his election to this House; *Resolved*, Therefore, that he is entitled to his seat in this House."

The question was stated to agree to this amendment; when the previous question was called for by Mr. SLOANE, and was demanded by a majority of the members present.

The previous question was then put in the form prescribed by the rules of the House, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?" and passed in the affirmative.

The said main question was then put to wit: Will the House agree to the resolution recommended in the report of the Committee of Election, and passed in the affirmative, yeas 125 nays 35.

YEAS, 125.—Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Tenn. Allen, Mass. Allison, Archer, Baylies, P. P. Barbour, J. S. Barbour, Bassett, Beecher, Blair, Bradley, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Campbell, Ohio, Cary, Cassidy, Clark, Condict, Conner, Craig, Culpeper, Cuthbert, Day, Dwinell, Dwight, Eaton, Edwards, Penn. Edwards, N. C. Ellis, Floyd, Foote, N. Y. Foxward, Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Gist, Gurley, Hall, Hamilton, Harris, Hayden, Hayward, Henry, Hogeboom, Holcombe, Hooks, Houston, Isaacs, Jenkins, F. Johnson, Kent, Lathrop, Leftwich, Letcher, Lincoln, Litchfield, Long, McCoy, McKee, McLane, Del. McLean, Ohio, Mangum, Markley, Marvin, Matlack, Miller, Mitchell, Penn. Neale, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Prince, Randolph, Rankin, Richards, Rogers, Ross, Saunders, Sandford, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Spaight, Standeford, Sterling, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Stewart, Stoddard, Storrs, Swan, Ten Eyck, Test, Thompson, Geo. Tod, Tracy, Trimble, Tucker, Va. Tucker, S. C. Tyson, Udree, Vance, N. C. Vance, Ohio, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, Wayne, Webster, Whitman, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams, N. Y. Williams, Va. Williams, N. C. James Wilson, Henry Wilson, Wilson, S. C. Wilson, Ohio, Woods, and Wright.

NAYS, 35.—Messrs. Beck, Buck, Buckner, Burleigh, Cobb, Cook, Crafts, Crowninshield, Cushman, Darfee, Farrelly, Findlay, Fuller, Gazlay, Herrick, Hobart, Jennings, J. T. Johnson, Kidder, Kreamer, Lawrence, Livermore, Locke, Longfellow, McKean, McKim, Mallory, Martindale, Matson, Mercer, Moore, Ken. Moore, Ala. Nelson, Newton, O'Brien, Owen, Plumer, N. H. Poinsett, Reed, Reynolds, Rich, Rives, Rose, Sharpe, Sibley, Wm. Smith, Strong, Taylor, Thompson, Ken. Tomlinson, Vinton, Whipple, and Wood.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, when the vote of Mr. M'DUFFIE was called for, he rose and asked to be excused from voting; and on the question, "Shall Mr. M'DUFFIE be excused from voting?" it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the report of the Committee of Elections, made in obedience to a resolution of the 25th of February, ultimo, respecting the residence of members of this House, at the time of their election as such, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be laid on the table. *Adjourned*.

Friday, March 19th, 1824.—Eighty-first day.

Mr. McLANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock bearing an interest of five per cent. for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent.; read the first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to authorize the creation of a stock to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars, to provide for the awards of the Commissioners under the treaty with Spain of the 22d of February, 1819.

Mr. M'Coy, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Jane Edwards; laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of Frederick Perley, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. VAN RENSSLAER, from the Committee on Agriculture, who were instructed to inquire if an increase of the duty now established by law on any article of foreign growth or manufacture, will be for the interest of the Agriculturalist, and, if there be any such article, to name the same, together with the additional amount of duty which they deem beneficial to the agricultural interest, made a report which was laid on the table.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred by resolution, reported a bill to alter the terms of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Illinois; which was read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land claims in the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, derived from the government of France and Spain," reported the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill of this House enabling the claimants to land within the limits of the state of Missouri, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act for the

relief of John B. Hogan," approved the 3d March, 1823; read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the consideration of the case of Hugh Blair, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. EDWARDS, of N. C. from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Nathaniel Laird and Jacob Verley; which were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. ARCHER, *Resolved*, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia, that the seat of WILLIAM LEE BALL, Esq. returned as a representative from that state, is vacant by the death of Mr. BALL.

On motion of Mr. LATHROP, *Resolved*, That the Speaker of this House be requested to inform the Executive of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that the seat of JOHN BAILEY, Esq. returned as a representative from that state, is vacated by a decision of this House.

On motion of Mr. BARTLEY, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Lower Sandusky to Portland, in the state of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. BARNER, of Conn. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting an appropriation for completing and repairing Fort Griswold, in the state of Connecticut.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of John P. Schuyler.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of whole, on the state of the Union, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union in general under consideration, and particularly a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon. *Adjourned*.

Saturday, March 20th, 1824.—Eighty-second day.

Mr. BUCK, from the Committee, to which was referred on the 11th of March instant, a joint resolution authorizing the purchase of Peale's Portrait of General Washington, reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. VANCE, of N. C. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation adequate to the extinguishment of reservations granted to certain Cherokee Indians within the limits of North-Carolina and Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed March 2d, 1799, and for other purposes," approved the 1st March, 1823, as allows a discount on cash payments, for duties on goods, wares, and merchandise imported.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

1st, An act for the relief of Noah Smith of Maine. 2d, An act for the relief of Samuel White. 3d, An act for the relief of Napier Rapelye and Bennett, and Petray and Viel. 4th, An act to provide for the security of Public Money in the hands of clerks of courts, attorneys and marshals, and their deputies; were respectively read the first and second time, and referred.

The 1st to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions; the 2d to the Committee of Ways and Means; the 3d to the Committee of the whole House, on Monday next; the 4th to the Committee on the Judiciary.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court of the United States, for the District of Illinois;" was read the third time and passed.

An engrossed bill to repeal an act approved the 3d March, 1823, entitled "An act for the relief of John B. Hogan;" was read the third time, and re-committed to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union in general, under consideration, particularly a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Everett, his Secretary, which was read as follows:

"To the House of Representatives of the United States.

I transmit to the House of Representatives, a report from the Secretary of State, with the papers therein referred to, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 27th January last. [See fol. 187.] JAMES MONROE.

Washington, 19th March, 1824."

Ordered, that the said message and report be laid on the table. *Adjourned*.

Monday, March 22d, 1824.—Eighty-third day.

The following petitions, memorials, &c. were presented, viz:

Captain Alden Partridge, accompanied with the results of sundry experiments on the fire of Infantry and Artillery;—By Mr. BUCK; read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which is referred the "bill to authorize the President of the United States, to cause to be issued to Capt. Alden Partridge, fixed ammunition, and for other purposes."

Richard Wilcox, of the city of New-York, upon the subject of the bill now before the House, "to amend the several acts, imposing duties on imports;"—By Mr. CAMBRELENG; referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

John Payne, administrator of Jacob Raser, an invalid pensioner of the United States, deceased, praying that a law may be passed authorizing him to

receive a balance due to the said Rasor, at the time of his decease;—By Mr. METCALFE.

Russell Woodworth, praying for a pension;—By Mr. STROG.

Rachel Bell, widow of William M. Bell, a captain in the revolutionary army, praying that in consideration of the services of her late husband, and her present indigent circumstances, some means of support may be afforded to her by the Government;—By Mr. CASEDY.

Robert Scott, a soldier in the late war, praying compensation for services rendered, which is withheld by reason of some informality in his discharge;—By Mr. MERCEN.

Ordered, That the said petitions be respectively referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

A resolution of the Legislature of the state of New-York, requesting the Senators and Representatives of said state, to use their exertions to prevent the passage of the bill now before Congress, imposing a duty on sales at Auction;—By Mr. TAYLOR.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill laying duties on the sale of merchandise at Auction, and for other purposes.

Francis Nicholas and Solomon Saltus, merchants of the city of New-York, representing that a part of a cargo of merchandise shipped by them to Holland, in the year 1809, was seized and sold by agents of the French Government, under the Ransoullet decree; that the said sale was illegal and unjust, and praying the interference of government in their behalf;—By Mr. CAMERLUNG; referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

John Cook, assignee of William Sampas and Kennedy Sampas, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the sum of four hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty cents may be refunded, it having been paid by the said William and Kennedy on the capacity of a still, beyond the sum required by law;—By Mr. HEMPHILL.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of certain Distillers of the United States.

The Executive Committee, of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, praying for the aid of Government in the prosecution of the objects of their institution;—By Mr. HEMPHILL.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sundry inhabitants of Port Penn, in the state of Delaware, praying for the establishment of a post route;—By Mr. McLANE of that state.

Sundry citizens of Pendleton District, in South-Carolina;—By Mr. WILSON of that state; referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Robert Brotherton, praying, for reasons set forth in his petition, to be released from his liability for the payment of a sum of money to the Government as the surety of John Crabb, as a Collector of the Direct Tax and Internal duties;—By Mr. FARRELLY.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sundry Documents and Affidavits, in support of the claim of Jacques Mayotte;—By Mr. COOK.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Jacques Mayotte, Francis Charpenkie and Jean Baptiste Laducier.

Sundry citizens of Washington County, in the state of Georgia, against the passage of the bill now pending in the House of Representatives, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports;—By Mr. FORSYTH.

Sundry inhabitants of Camden County, in the state aforesaid;—By Mr. FORSYTH.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which the said bill is committed.

The President and Commissioners of the town of Tuscaloosa, in the state of Alabama, praying that certain lots in said town, reserved for public purposes, may be by law vested in the President and Commissioners of the town of Tuscaloosa, and their successors in office;—By Mr. OWEN.

Also sundry citizens of Alabama, praying that a law may be passed, securing to them their crops upon lands which they have settled, if in the want of their inability to pay their lands, shall become forfeited to the United States;—By Mr. OWEN.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

John Potter, of the state of Pennsylvania, praying to be compensated for supplies furnished the troops of the United States, employed in the year 1794, in suppressing the insurrection in Pennsylvania;—By Mr. STEWART.

John H. Mallory, late a paymaster in the seventh Regiment of the United States Infantry, praying for the reasons set forth in his petition, to be discharged from the effect of a judgment obtained against him at the suit of the United States;—By Mr. CALL.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

John Thomas, representing that he built the inclined plane at the Navy Yard, Washington, under contract with the Navy Commissioners, for which service a balance still remains due to him; also, that he has made certain valuable improvements in ship building, for which he has obtained letters patent, and which improvements have been adopted in the service of the United States; he prays that his case may be taken into consideration, and his services remunerated, and such allowances made to him for the use of his improvements in ship building, as may appear to be reasonable and just;—By Mr. TAYLOR.

Ordered, That said petition be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. O'BRIEN, Ordered, That the petition of Ezekiel Foster, with a report thereon, adverse to the prayer of the petitioner, be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means, with additional documents this day presented.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of George W. Werts and others, heirs of Abraham Nanna; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. FORSYTH, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Josiah Jordan; read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Morris Goldsmith and Anthony Roderick, accompanied with a bill for their relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the same Committee, also made a report upon the petition of Robert Blair, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. KREAMER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavourable report on the petition of James Moore; read, and laid upon the table.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of 6th May, 1822, copies of all the correspondence between the Secretary and the banks in which the public moneys were deposited, from the 1st January, 1817, to the 5th May, 1822; that are considered as included either directly or indirectly, in the terms of the resolution, and which has not been heretofore communicated to the House.

Ordered, That the said letter and accompanying documents lie upon the table.

Mr. McLANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel White, reported the same without amendment; committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MERCEN, Resolved, That the Committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of connecting the property of the United States, at and near Harper's Ferry, by the erection of a bridge across the Shenandoah, at or near the mouth thereof.

Mr. ALLEN, of Mass. moved that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 11th instant, [see fol. 256,] providing for a termination of the present session of Congress; and the question being taken thereon, it was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned until otherwise ordered, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. RANDOLPH submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That, from and after the end of the present session of Congress, the per diem allowance of members shall be six dollars, and six dollars for every twenty miles of travelling.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1824; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. BARTLETT reported, that the Committee of the whole House had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same with sundry amendments. Adjourned.

Tuesday, March 23d, 1824.—Eighty-fourth day.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Nathaniel Patton.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Moses Caldwell and of George Keller, and that they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McLANE, of Ohio, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of the 6th of January last, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act, entitled "An act making provision for the civilization of the Indian tribes adjoining the frontier settlements," passed on the 3d of March, 1819, made a report thereon, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. McLANE, of Del. Resolved, That the Committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures, as relates to the Department of the Navy, be instructed to enquire and report, whether the sum of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, appropriated at the last session of Congress, for the contingent expenses of the naval service, has been expended according to the existing acts of Congress; the description of travelling expenses, and the nature of individual claims, in payment of which any part of the said sum has been applied; the nature of extra allowances which have been paid out of the said fund, and whether the same are specified or authorized by any act of Congress; whether any claim or accounts which may have arisen prior to the year 1823, have been paid out of the said fund, and if so, the nature and circumstances of such claim and accounts respectively; and that the said committee be instructed further to enquire and report, whether any, and what provisions are necessary to be adopted, to provide more perfectly for the proper application of the money appropriated for the contingent expenses of the naval service, and to secure the government from demands unjust in their character, or extravagant in their amount.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the Committee of the whole, to the bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1824, and the said amendments being read, were concurred in by the House. The bill being further amended at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported, that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union in general under consideration, and particularly the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon. Adjourned.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1824.—Eighty-fifth day.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a statement of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the arms, &c. made therein, during the year 1823, rendered in obedience to an act of the 24th of April, 1794, which letter and statement were laid on the table.

Mr. McLANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the petition of Joseph C. Tucker and Elisha Dwelle, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adopt a new Hydrometer, for ascertaining the proof of liquors; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Nathan Wiotringen and Abraham Morrell, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. F. JOHNSON, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made unfavourable reports on the cases of James F. Houston and Samuel B. Crockett, which were laid on the table.

Mr. F. JOHNSON, from the same Committee, who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a distributing post office in Frankfort, Ky. and also into the propriety of allowing additional compensation to the post master at the same place, made an unfavourable report thereon, which was laid on the table.

Mr. F. JOHNSON, from the same Committee, also made an unfavourable report on the petition of William F. Gray, which was committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth," reported the same without amendment. Ordered, to be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Anthony Shane, which was laid on the table.

Mr. MATSON, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Henry McGee; laid on the table.

Mr. CROWNSHIELD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Edward Barry, which was read; whereupon it was Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. CASSEY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Welcome Wood; laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARDS, of N. C. from the same Committee, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Joseph Pierpoint and Jonas Ramsay; laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARDS, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Smith, of Maine," reported the same with an amendment; committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. ARTHUR SMYTH, from the same Committee, made unfavourable reports on the cases of John Alstole and William Phillips; laid on the table.

Mr. PRINCE, by leave of the House, presented a petition of Demas Deming, assignee of Hugh Glen, praying to be allowed and paid a balance, which he alleges to be due for rations furnished by said Glen, for the use of the Indian Department at Fort Harrison; which petition was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. HOUSTON, Ordered, That the memorial of John Topp, heretofore presented on the 20th December, 1819, be referred to the same Committee.

Mr. REYNOLDS laid the following resolution on the table, for consideration, to-morrow, viz: Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, as soon as convenient, any information he may have in his possession, shewing the reason why the Engineers appointed "to examine the most suitable site for a national armory, on the western waters," have not made their report.

Mr. ALLEN, of Mass. laid the following resolution on the table, for consideration, to-morrow, viz: Resolved, That the rule numbered eighty-four, of the standing rules and orders of the House, be rescinded.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, on the petition of John Heck, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and papers of Philip Lehn.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Laws.

CHAP. 26. An ACT to repeal, in part, an act, entitled "An Act to lessen the compensation for Marshals, Clerks, and Attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned."

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the act, passed on the eighteenth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act to lessen the compensation for marshals, clerks, and attorneys, in the cases therein mentioned," as prohibits the allowance of daily compensation to marshals, clerks, and attorneys, in the districts in said act mentioned, be, and the same hereby is, repealed; and that there hereafter be allowed to the marshals, clerks, and attorneys, for said districts, the same daily compensation as is allowed to the same officers in other districts.

[Approved, March 3, 1824.]

CHAP. 27. An ACT making appropriations for the Military Service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively, appropriated for the military service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, to wit:

For pay of the army, and subsistence of officers, nine hundred and ninety-four thousand four hundred and seven dollars and five cents, including the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars, for the pay and subsistence of the officers and cadets belonging to the Military Academy at West Point:

For subsistence, in addition to an unexpended balance of twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars, two hundred and sixty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-seven dollars:

For forage for officers, thirty-six thousand one hundred and twenty-three dollars:

For the recruiting service, in addition to an unexpended balance of sixteen thousand dollars, thirteen thousand four hundred dollars:

For contingent expenses for the recruiting service, sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars:

For the Purchasing Department, in addition to the amount of clothing on hand, one hundred and forty-one thousand six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents:

For the purchase of woollens, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, in advance for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, twenty thousand dollars:

For the Medical and Hospital Department, in addition to supplies on hand, and an unexpended balance, both amounting to twenty-two thousand seven hundred dollars, ten thousand dollars:

For the Quartermaster General's Department, in addition to an unexpended balance of thirty-five thousand dollars, two hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars:

For the purchase of Gridley's farm, ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, said farm shall not be purchased unless the said farm shall be procured for said ten thousand dollars:

For the contingencies of the army, fifteen thousand dollars:

For the National Armories, three hundred and sixty thousand dollars:

For the current expenses of the Ordnance service, forty-two thousand dollars:

For Pensions to the Revolutionary Pensioners of the United States, one million two hundred and ninety-one thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-nine cents:

For the pensions to the invalids, to the commutation pensioners, and to the widows and orphans, three hundred and thirteen thousand one hundred and seventy-four dollars and forty-two cents:

For arrearages in the War Department, prior to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, twenty-six thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the several sums hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however*, That no money appropriated by this act, shall be paid to any person, for his compensation, who is in arrears to the United States, until such person shall have accounted for, and paid into the Treasury, all sums for which he may be liable: *Provided, further*, That nothing in this section contained, shall extend to balances arising solely from the depreciation of Treasury Notes, received by such person, to be expended in the public service; but, in all cases where the pay or salary of any person is withheld, in pursuance of this act, it shall be the duty of the accounting officer, if demanded by the party, his agent or attorney, to report forthwith to the agent of the Treasury Department the balance due; and it shall be the

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duty of the said agent, within sixty days thereafter, to order suit to be commenced against such delinquent, and his securities.
[Approved, March 10, 1824.]

CHAP. 28. An ACT for the better organization of the District Courts of the United States within the State of Alabama.

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of Alabama shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into two districts, in manner following, to wit:—That part thereof composing the counties of Jackson, Decatur, Madison, Limestone, Lauderdale, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan, Blount, St. Clair, Jefferson, Walker, and Marion, shall compose one district, to be called the Northern District of Alabama; and the residue thereof, shall compose another district to be called the Southern District of Alabama.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be two terms of the District Court for the Southern District, held at Mobile, in each year, to begin on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in March, and the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in October; and one term at Cahawba, in each year, to begin on the third Monday in June; and one term of the district Court, for the Northern District, shall be held in Huntsville, in each year, to begin on the second Monday in July; and District Judge of the United States, for the State of Alabama, is hereby required to hold the courts aforesaid, and furthermore, to hold one or more special terms, at Cahawba, and at Huntsville, in each year, if, in his opinion, the business of the Court shall require it to be done.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the third Monday in December, in each year, shall be a return day for writs and executions, returnable to the said District Court at Cahawba; and the second Monday in January, in each year, shall be a return day for writs and executions returnable to the said District Court at Huntsville; and the parties to such suits as shall be so returned, shall make up their pleadings under such rules as the Court shall prescribe, in order to have the causes so returned, in a state for trial at the next regular term.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted* That all causes pending in the said District Court at Mobile and Cahawba shall be adjourned and continued from times heretofore prescribed by law for holding said courts, respectively, to the times appointed by this act: and all recognizances and process of every description, made returnable to the former terms of holding said Courts, respectively, shall be returned to the terms herein established, and be as valid as if the time of holding the same had not been changed.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all causes, at law or in chancery, pending in the said District Courts at Mobile and Cahawba, in which the defendant or defendants resided, in the Northern District, at the time of serving the process, shall be transferred to the District Court for the said Northern District, established by this act, and be proceeded in, adjudged, and determined, in the same manner as if originally commenced in said Court; and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the said District Courts at Mobile and Cahawba, to transmit, by some safe conveyance, to the clerk of the District Court for the Northern District, the original papers in all such causes, together with a transcript of all proceedings had therein.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all suits hereafter to be brought, in either of the Courts aforesaid, not of a local nature, shall be brought only in the District where the defendant shall reside; but if there be more than one defendant, and some of them reside in the Northern, and some of them in the Southern District, the plaintiff may sue in either, and send a duplicate writ to the other, on which he shall endorse that it is part of a suit brought in the District from which it is sent; and the said writs, when executed and returned, shall constitute one suit, and be proceeded in accordingly.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the Judge of said Courts shall appoint a Clerk of the District Court of the Northern District, who shall reside, and keep his office, and the records and documents appertaining thereto, at the place of holding said Court: be entitled to the same fees allowed by law to the Clerks of the Southern District, and be subject to the same liabilities and penalties.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the District Attorney heretofore appointed for the District of Alabama, shall be the District Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama; and there shall be a District Attorney appointed for the Northern District of Alabama, who shall hold his appointment for the same term, be subject to the same duties, and receive the same salary, fees, and emoluments, allowed to the District Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That, should the Judge fail to attend at the time and place of holding any of the Courts herein mentioned, before the close of the third day of the term, the business thereof shall stand adjourned to the next term.
[Approved, March 10, 1824.]

Documents.

SUMMARY STATEMENT of the Value of the Exports of the growth, produce, and manufacture, of the United States, during the year ending on the 30th day of September, 1823.

THE SEA. Fisheries—			
dried fish, or cod fisheries.....	734,024		
pickled fish, or river fishery, (herring, shad, salmon, mackerel).....	270,776		
whale (common) oil and bone.....	432,115		
spermaceiti oil and candles.....	221,309		
	663,424	1,658,224	
THE FOREST. Skins and furs.....	672,917		
Ginseng.....	150,976		
Product of wood—			
lumber, boards, staves, shingles, hewn timber, &c.....	1,335,600		
oak bark and other dye.....	111,333		
naval stores, (tar, pitch, rosin, & turpentine).....	457,563		
ashes, pot and pearl.....	1,770,623		
	3,675,018	4,498,911	
AGRICULTURE. Product of animals—			
beef, tallow, hides, live cattle.....	739,461		
butter and cheese.....	192,778	932,259	
pork, (pickled) bacon, lard, live hogs.....	1,291,222		
horses and mules.....	123,373		
sheep.....	15,029		
Vegetable food—			
wheat, flour, and biscuit.....	5,151,437		
Indian corn and meal.....	930,489		
rice.....	1,620,965		
all other, rye, oats, pulse, potatoes, &c.....	248,981		
	10,513,855		
Tobacco.....	6,282,672		
Cotton.....	20,445,520		
All other agricultural products—			
Indigo.....	2,314		
flaxseed.....	262,314		
hops.....	27,124		
wax.....	112,574		
brown sugar.....	353		
MANUFACTURES. Domestic materials—			
soap and tallow candles.....	664,807		
leather, boots, shoes, saddlery.....	566,489		
hats.....	115,168		
grain, spirits, beer.....	89,615		
wood, (including coaches and other carriages, &c.).....	421,633		
cordage.....	22,659		
iron.....	97,271		
various items, (snuff, tobacco, lead, linseed oil, &c.).....	175,245	2,152,887	
Foreign materials—			
spirits from molasses.....	37,807		
sugar refined, chocolate.....	9,249		
gunpowder.....	66,326		
brass and copper.....	16,768		
medicinal drugs.....	74,490		
	204,640	2,357,527	
UNCERTAIN, articles not distinguished in returns—			
manufactured.....	782,071		
raw produce.....	211,949	994,020	
		47,153,408	

SUMMARY STATEMENT of the value of the Exports of the growth, produce, and manufacture of Foreign countries, during the year ending on the 30th day of September, 1823.

Value of Merchandise free of duty.	Merchandise paying specific rates of duty.
Copper, brass, and tin, in pigs or bars..... 16,783	Duck and sheetings..... 435,069
Bullion..... 1,800	Wines..... 379,908
Gold and silver coin..... 6,371,187	Spirits from grain..... 22,486
Dye woods..... 537,560	other materials..... 214,463
Raw hides..... 630,261	Molasses..... 994
Brimstone and sulphur..... 2,684	Beer, ale and porter..... 2,001
Furs undressed..... 5,414	Oil, olive, in casks..... 15,056
All other articles free of duty..... 71,060	Teas..... 813,550
Total dollars..... 7,696,749	Coffee..... 4,262,690
Value of Merchandise paying duties ad valorem.	Cocoa..... 298,892
Manufactures of Woollen piece goods—	Sugar, brown and white..... 1,479,025
cloths and cassimeres..... 314,657	candy, loaf and lump..... 125
checked and stuff goods..... 131,722	Fruits..... 73,754
blankets and rugs..... 16,892	Cheese, soap, candles & tallow..... 78,591
Cotton, piece goods—	Spices..... 825,349
printed and coloured..... 1,206,502	Indigo..... 2,141,881
white..... 520,506	Cotton..... 42,089
nankeens..... 865,518	Snuff and tobacco..... 3,665
woollen and cotton hose..... 36,881	Gunpowder..... 10,755
cotton twist, yarn, & thread..... 24,767	Paints..... 6,455
linens, bleached & unbleached..... 1,450,795	Lead..... 19,839
silk goods..... 1,512,449	Cordage..... 43,874
hempen goods..... 14,090	Copper and composition, nails and spikes..... 1,633
brass..... 3,307	Iron, nails, spikes, anchors and sheets..... 13,111
copper, or of which copper is the material of chief value..... 500	in bars and bolts, rolled and hammered..... 73,994
iron and steel, other than that paying a specific rate of duty..... 136,824	pig and castings..... 1,032
Ware glass, do..... 43,991	Steel..... 5,414
china..... 4,321	Hemp..... 21,863
earthen and stone..... 47,418	Salt..... 17,330
tin and pewter..... 738	Coal..... 1,103
paper, writing and wrapping..... 28,938	Fish, salmon..... 260
gold, silver & precious stones hats, caps, and bonnets..... 11,528	Glass..... 4,477
Unmanufactured—	Boots and shoes..... 2,511
tin, in sheets or plates..... 7,666	Cigars..... 30,482
All other articles paying an ad valorem rate of duty..... 2,097,906	Value of merchandise paying specific rates of duty..... 11,344,544
Total dollars..... 8,502,329	Do..... free of duty..... 7,696,749
	Do..... paying ad valorem rates of duty..... 8,502,329
	Total value of Foreign produce..... 27,543,622
	Do..... Domestic..... 47,155,409
	Total, dollars..... 74,699,030

A SUMMARY STATEMENT of the quantity and value of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the United States in American and Foreign Vessels, commencing on the first day of October, 1822, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1823.

SPECIES OF MERCHANDISE.	In American Vessels.	Foreign Vessels.	Total.
Value of Merchandise free of duty:			
Copper, brass, and tin, in pigs or bars.....	543,212	4,794	548,006
Bullion.....	225,431	5,340	230,771
Gold and silver coin.....	4,115,139	451,986	4,567,125
Dye woods.....	406,297	35,058	441,355
Raw hides.....	2,071,447	12,635	2,084,082
Brimstone and sulphur.....	21,999	685	22,684
Furs, undressed.....	252,330	17,758	270,088
Plaster of Paris.....	39,942	3,072	42,914
Burr stones, unwrought.....	15,367	646	16,013
All other articles free of duty.....	514,440	7,810	522,250
Total.....	8,508,504	639,784	9,048,288
Value of merchandise paying duties ad valorem:			
Manufactures of—			
Woollen piece goods, cloths and cassimeres.....	5,539,830	304,238	5,844,068
Worsted and stuffs.....	1,453,598	50,071	1,503,669
Blankets and rugs.....	512,319	92,527	604,846
Cotton, piece goods, printed and coloured.....	4,564,000	338,499	4,902,499
White.....	2,419,736	217,077	2,636,813
Nankeens.....	600,700	.....	600,700
Woollen and cotton hose.....	565,200	64,011	629,211
Cotton, twist, yarn, and thread.....	94,696	8,563	103,259
Linens, bleached and unbleached.....	2,626,511	1,176,496	3,803,007
Silk goods.....	6,587,974	125,797	6,713,771
Hempen goods.....	246,374	226,452	472,826
Brass.....	242,978	16,236	259,214
Copper, or of which copper is the material of chief value.....	85,523	6,067	91,590
Iron and steel, other than that paying a specific rate of duty.....	2,320,089	248,753	2,568,842
Wares, glass, do.....	254,206	176,321	430,527
China.....	42,524	5,765	48,289
Earthen and stone.....	814,082	280,244	1,094,326
Tin and pewter.....	15,104	1,268	16,372
Paper, writing and wrapping.....	109,603	2,290	111,893
Gold, silver, and precious stones.....	227,702	38,965	266,667
Hats, caps, and bonnets.....	801,945	11,449	813,394
Unmanufactured Copper, subject to a duty of 15 per cent.....	35,378	6,768	42,146
Tin, in sheets or plates.....	283,634	102,908	386,542
Raw wool.....	312,279	29,677	341,956
Raw silk.....	4,673	.....	4,673
All other articles paying an ad val. rate of duty.....	5,749,897	586,897	6,336,694
Total.....	36,511,345	4,110,207	40,621,552

STATEMENT of the Amount of the Public Debt, held by Foreign and Domestic Creditors, on the 31st December, 1823.

TOOKS.	By the British.	By the Dutch.	By all other Foreigners.	Total by Foreigners.	By Domestic Creditors.	Total.
Deferred Stock, (unredeemed amount).....	26,424 05	141,101 40	17,563 68	185,089 13	188,674 69	373,763 82
Three per cent Stock.....	4,050,863 11	2,684,781 33	817,937 95	7,553,582 39	6,735,203 45	13,288,785 84
Exchanged 6 per cent. of 1812.....	290,891 57	13,625 85	4,162 08	308,679 50	2,900,495 49	3,209,175 99
Six per cent. of 1812.....	1,015,162 59	73,357 69	63,337 04	1,151,857 32	5,038,649 52	6,190,506 84
Six per cent. of 1813.....	2,986,285 96	330,128 78	370,263 62	3,686,678 36	11,906,147 62	15,592,826 98
Do..... of 1814.....	3,708,030 23	81,557 94	103,725 36	3,893,313 53	5,383,553 72	9,276,867 25
Six per cent. of 1815.....	2,969,412 85	113,596 34	512,025 78	3,595,034 97	9,003,338 02	12,598,373 99
Treasury note 6 per cent.....	398,003 41	13,338 69	3,067 85	3,994,409 95	1,086,141 86	5,080,551 81
Seven per cent.....	1,163,048 05	179,366 31	1,342,414 36	7,257,802 90	8,599,217 26
Five per cent. of 1820.....	656,474 13	7,300 00	663,774 13	999,969 23	1,663,743 36
Five per cent. of 1821.....	1,414,408 87	6,000 00	1,420,408 87	4,735,296 30	6,155,705 17
Five per cent. of 1822.....	56,704 77	56,704 77	56,704 77	113,409 54
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Amount brought down, Add for Stock outstanding between the Loan Office, Estimated amount of debt, 31st December, 1823, per the Secretary's report of 2d January, 1824.

Estimated amount of debt, 31st December, 1823, per the Secretary's report of 2d January, 1824. \$90,177,962 1/4

Species of Merchandise.	In American Vessels.		In Foreign Vessels.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
<i>Merchandise paying specific rates of duty, viz:</i>						
Duck & sheetings.....pieces	96,004	1,016,455	652	7,725	96,656	1,024,180
Wines.....galls.	2,453,233	1,205,819	222,011	85,723	2,675,244	1,291,542
Spirits from grain.....do.	298,270	126,003	11,417	6,489	309,687	135,292
Other materials.....do.	3,394,592	1,534,126	241,939	122,001	3,636,537	1,656,127
Molasses.....do.	12,873,332	2,597,081	145,996	37,141	13,019,328	2,634,222
Beer, ale, and porter....do.	67,539	55,252	47,623	39,385	115,162	94,837
Oil, fish & olive in casks do.	12,000	8,919	26,075	8,913	38,083	17,832
Teas.....lbs.	8,210,010	2,361,245	.....	.....	8,210,010	2,361,245
Coffee.....do.	37,185,854	6,949,051	151,878	149,068	37,337,732	7,098,119
Cocoa.....do.	1,956,268	318,065	146,645	31,168	2,102,913	349,233
Chocolate.....do.	1,572	636	42	10	1,614	648
Sugar, brown & white....do.	59,201,060	3,172,227	1,587,350	86,462	60,788,210	3,258,689
Candy, loaf and lump....do.	2,260	342	.....	.....	2,260	342
Fruits.....do.	6,006,658	392,047	71,869	8,476	6,078,527	400,523
Candles cheese soap, &c do.	1,784,208	124,808	68,558	6,573	1,852,766	131,381
Spices.....do.	4,415,771	550,248	184,866	30,708	4,580,637	580,956
Indigo.....do.	882,906	1,739,271	10,501	12,695	893,307	1,751,966
Cotton.....do.	325,424	58,198	.....	.....	325,424	58,198
Tobacco and snuff.....do.	20,385	4,843	1,213	210	21,598	5,053
Gunpowder.....do.	90,619	16,258	25,250	4,098	115,869	20,356
Bristles and glue.....do.	139,128	39,305	15,413	3,557	154,541	42,862
Paints, ochre, &c.....do.	3,911,760	197,896	1,760,400	63,740	5,672,160	266,636
Lead, pig, bar, & shot....do.	2,663,701	111,436	858,642	43,739	3,422,343	155,175
Cordage.....do.	1,348,448	109,239	76,452	13,038	1,424,900	122,277
Copper & com. rods &c. do.	30,989	6,906	11,521	2,402	42,510	9,306
Iron and steel wire.....do.	573,416	69,510	45,506	7,627	618,922	77,137
Do tacks, nails, anchors &c do.	4,411,405	172,039	855,264	31,407	5,266,669	203,446
Iron, bars, bolts, rolled cwr	98,245	1,632,429	13,688	259,206	1,066,933	.....
Hammered.....do.	524,041	.....	67,839	.....	591,880	1,091,635
In pigs.....do.	24,250	.....	25,357	.....	49,607	.....
Castings.....do.	10,641	66,909	3,580	48,787	14,221	117,696
Steel.....do.	18,015	202,431	2,636	22,114	20,541	224,592
Hemp.....do.	107,959	627,338	7,776	47,116	115,735	674,451
Alum.....do.	1,902	5,640	204	556	2,106	6,196
Copperas.....do.	7,710	7,822	0,263	9,460	16,973	17,282
Salt.....bushels	4,594,929	652,925	532,728	87,941	5,127,657	740,966
Coal.....do.	503,947	76,255	351,038	35,384	854,983	111,639
Fish, dried.....quintals	2,555	30,086	414	1,848	2,969	31,914
pickled.....barrels	1,735	.....	107	.....	1,842	.....
Glass, black qt bottles gross	3,415	60,206	8,721	89,001	12,136	149,207
Window..100 sq. ft.	10,847	.....	3,603	.....	14,450	.....
Boots and shoes.....pairs	7,457	5,373	4,160	1,941	11,617	7,314
Cigars.....M.	17,440	192,219	870	6,991	18,310	199,210
Playing cards..... packs	12	4	432	35	444	39
<i>Value paying specific rates</i>	.....	26,491,692	.....	1,417,735	.....	27,909,427
<i>Free of duty</i>	.....	8,506,504	.....	539,764	.....	9,046,268
<i>Paying ad valorem rates</i>	.....	36,511,345	.....	4,110,207	.....	40,621,552
Total value in dolls.....	.....	71,511,541	.....	6,067,726	.....	77,579,267